

# **KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **STAFF NOTE**

### **Review Item:**

701 KAR 5:110, Use of local monies to reduce unmet technology need (First Reading)

### **Rationale:**

The regulation requires amendment to reflect the 2018-2024 version of the KETS Master Plan, as incorporated by reference.

### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 156.670, KRS 156.690, KRS 157.650, KRS 157.655, KRS 157.660, KRS 157.665

### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** KRS 156.670 mandates that a master plan for technology be developed that covers at least five (5) years and is related to purchasing, developing and using technology to:

- improve learning and teaching
- improve curriculum delivery
- improve delivery of professional development
- improve efficiency and productivity of administrators
- encourage development and acquisition of technology and applications that are appropriate for education

***Summary:*** This is the fifth Kentucky Education Technology System (KETS) Master Plan for Education Technology. The previous four (4) versions served the state well and provide a foundation upon which to build the new plan. The 2018-2024 Master Plan includes (a) things we already do well that we want to continue doing well, (b) areas to improve upon, and (c) emerging items likely to occur over the next six years that need to be accounted for within this plan.

Items that must be included in the KETS Master Plan include the recommended education technology strategies for schools, districts and the state; a projected annual technology need budget that identifies both the ongoing operational, maintenance and replacement needs, as well as the technology-enabled aspects of new strategic educational priorities, plans and projects; and sections on education technology related products, standards, policies and laws.

The new KETS Master Plan is being presented to the Kentucky Board of Education to show planned areas of emphasis for a six year timeframe beginning with the 2018-2019 school year through the 2023-2024 school year. Therefore, the administrative regulation must be amended to reflect the 2018-2024 Master Plan for Education Technology, since it is a “document incorporated by reference” within the regulation (701 KAR 5:110). Both the regulation and draft Master Plan are being submitted for the board’s review at the December meeting and then will come back to the February 2018 meeting for consideration of final action. The draft 2018-2024 Master Plan is a separate attachment.

***Budget Impact:*** The 2018-2024 KETS Master Plan for Education Technology establishes the projected annual education technology need associated with the implementation, replacement, and ongoing sustainment of all technology-related components, services, and staffing. Annual progress reporting from all districts is required to determine the remaining statewide unmet need, of which is governed under 701 KAR 5:110.

**Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:**

- Council of Chief State School Officers (CCSSO) Chief Information Officer (CIO) Network represented by state level education technology leaders
- District students, teachers, and chief information officers (CIOs) - The CIO represents education technology at the district level educating and receiving feedback from the Superintendent and other district leadership
- Education Technology Vendors and Partners
- KDE Commissioner and KDE’s Technology Planning Council (TPC) - The TPC provides representation, input and feedback from all KDE offices
- Kentucky Educational Cooperatives
- Kentucky Society of Technology in Education
- Local Superintendents Advisory Council (LSAC)

The KETS Master Plan was created using a fundamental philosophy of a long-term vision, which includes school, district and state collaboration and initiatives. The consensus of the groups consulted was that this plan was on target in representing and prioritizing the state’s educational initiatives that involve technology.

LSAC will meet prior to the December board meeting and their feedback will be reported at the December meeting.

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**Commissioner of Education**

**Date:**

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